

# THE NINTH DISTRICT

J. B. Wysox Is Making a Brilliant Canvass for Congress.

## MAKING A WINNING FIGHT

His Oratory Arouses the Democrats of the Southwest to the Greatest Enthusiasm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., August 22.—The Ninth Virginia Congressional district has witnessed many hard-fought battles politically, with chances almost even each time between the Republicans and Democrats. Of all the contests that have taken place in this interestingly close district, as regards the chances of the two parties, perhaps none can equal for interest and enthusiasm that which is to engage the two aspirants to Congress from now until the November election.

Encouraged by their victory of two years ago, when Col. C. Slomp was elected to Congress over Judge William P. Rhea by an insignificant small majority, the Republicans are aiming up for another fight with Mr. L. P. Summers, one of the most aggressive and determined young Republicans in the district, as the head of the Republican executive committee.

Col. Slomp professes to feel greater security now than he felt two years ago, in part because this is a presidential year, when it is expected that the full strength of his party will be realized, and for the further reason, as he has been heard to express it, that he regards Judge Rhea as a more dangerous foe than the Hon. Joseph C. Wysox, who is the Democratic standard-bearer this year.

That Colonel Slomp will be able to maintain a strong organization in the district for a moment, and that he expects to be materially aided by what he conceives to be the advantages of a presidential year there can be no doubt. While the Republicans are going to resort to oratory in this campaign, it may be said with good reason that this will not be their main dependence. Colonel Slomp has the reputation of seeing pretty far ahead, and of being wise enough in political manipulation, but as an orator he is without any of the potentialities of his opponent. The slight advantage of this is that Col. Slomp is going to depend largely upon organization and shrewdness of manipulation to carry him through. As a first step to carry the preparation for his campaign, he has his eye fixed on the money question, regulating the payment of poll taxes, and it is an open secret that Republican money was active in perhaps every county in the district in the payment of the poll taxes of Republican voters.

It is claimed by some of the Democrats that this preparation was not indulged in, at least in a general way, by the Democrats of the district.

While this may be accepted as a point in favor of the success of Col. Slomp at the polls this fall, still it is a source of encouragement to the Democrats that the wily Colonel cannot depend upon the united vote of his party this year, as was the case two years ago. His course with reference to the poll tax, at his command, is certainly strongly against him in the present race, as was clearly shown by the harsh criticism of the Colonel by ex-District Chairman Stuart P. Lindsey, who worked so hard for Col. Slomp's success two years ago. The criticism indulged in by Mr. Lindsey was shared by other prominent Republicans, and there can be no doubt that the dissatisfaction extends to every county in the district.

Of course, Col. Slomp will not lose every Republican voter who is dissatisfied, but it will not be surprising if he loses more than enough in this way to offset any advantages he may have with reference to the payment of poll taxes.

During Mr. Lindsey's term as chairman for the Republicans in the district, he had kept in silence many occurrences with which he was not at all pleased, preferring to maintain the unity and organization of the party so long as affairs were in his charge; but that time came when he could no longer endure in silence what he conceived to be the selfish course of Col. Slomp, and for this reason he resigned the chairmanship following the convention last spring to select district delegates to the Republican national convention at Chicago.

Mr. Lindsey's resignation was followed by clear and concise statements from his pen regarding the situation and how, as he conceived, Col. Slomp had abused the honor which his fellow Republicans had bestowed upon him. He characterized the Congressman as a selfish individual and unworthy the support of his fellow Republicans because of his alleged violation of promises, etc. Mr. Lindsey knew then that it would not be worth while to undertake to support Col. Slomp for the nomination, as the Colonel had been as aggressive as was Roosevelt in preparing the way for re-nomination, and for the further reason that a victory in the Ninth District is a victory in the Commonwealth, upon which the victor to a second race, as the fact is that Col. Slomp was looked upon as a sort of Moses, and perhaps the only one who might be able to keep his party out of the wilderness from which he had delivered them by so recent a margin. When he decided the gallant Rhea, these are some of the conditions which account for the renomination of Colonel Slomp by his party, despite the fact that considerable dissatisfaction existed in the ranks of his party.

Congressman Rhea had shown himself almost invincible in the district, even against odds, but for the reason that he had repeatedly been embarrassed by contests after he had defeated the late Gen. James A. Walker in the election to again incur the hardships of a race to redeem the district. Although urged to enter the race for the nomination, he hesitated, after considering the matter carefully, decided not to do so, thus leaving the race to Hon. Joseph C. Wysox, of Pulaski.

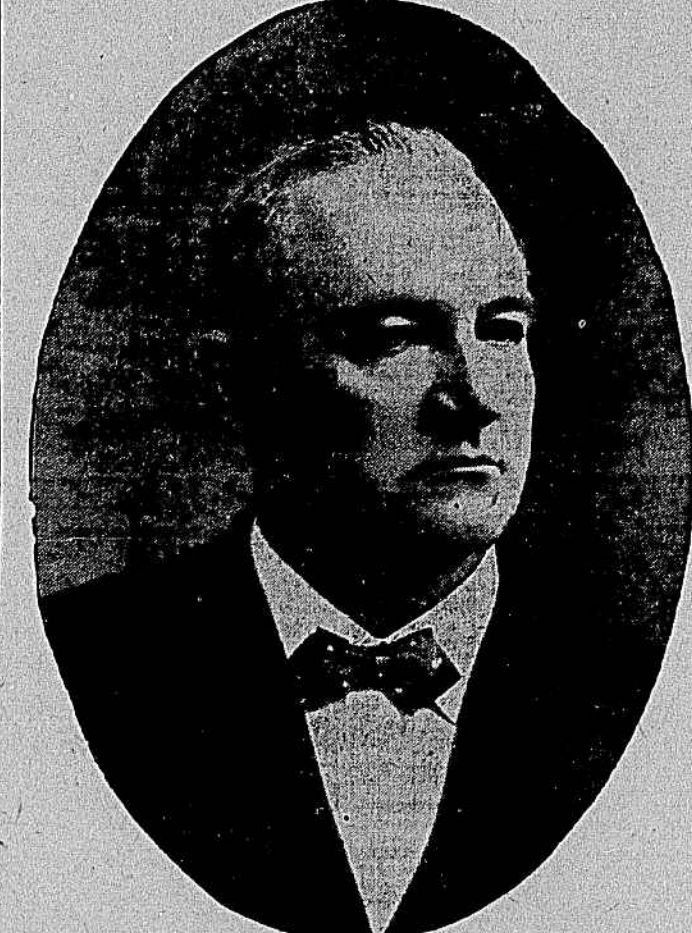
were heard from all parts of the district. According to information brought to Bristol at that time by party workers from all parts of the Ninth District, the Democrats will go against the Slomp organization without a single feature of discord to mar their organization. From the standpoint of interest, this promises to be the most noted campaign in the district in many years. Never in the history of the district has the interest been so general, extending as it does throughout the State and to congressional headquarters at Washington.

Mr. Wysox, the nominee, is a power within himself, but the able support which he will have from various quarters makes his chances doubly good. It is going to be a campaign of oratory that seldom has an equal. Not only this, but the district committee is pledged to see that there is nothing lacking from the standpoint of organization in any part of the district. Every county will have a strong and determined organization, while the district committee will supervise the whole. The Democrats now fully realize that they have a battle before them, and that to win organization and discipline are absolutely necessary, to the end that not a single Democratic vote shall fail to be cast. With such an organization, the success of Mr. Wysox is reasonably certain; otherwise he could hardly hope to win.

**PERSONALITY OF THE CANDIDATE.**  
The Hon. Joseph C. Wysox is a magnetic personality. A strong, commanding figure, with large gray eyes, and a tall, round face, his countenance suggests the intellectual giant that he is. Mr. Wysox comes of a family who are noted for their native ability and for their power of intellect and commanding eloquence. No man who ever offered himself for the congressional nomination in this district could lay claim to anything like the oratorical powers that are natural with the earnest and eloquent Mr. Wysox. He is a born student, a born orator, and his powers along this line have asserted themselves in debate on many an occasion. His eloquence and his peculiar force as an orator have frequently been made manifest in the courts in this end of the State, and his speeches in noted criminal cases have made him famous as a lawyer.

Mr. Wysox is a son of Benjamin Franklin Wysox, deceased. His father was a noted lawyer in his day, and was widely known in the State of Virginia. He was noted more for his native ability than for acquired learning, although he was a man of scholarly attainments. The deceased Mr. Wysox was a member of the convention of Virginia of 1850-51. He was also a member of the secession convention

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JOSEPH B. WYSOX.  
Silver-Tongued Orator of the Southwest, Making the Fight of His Life for Congress as the Democratic Nominee of the Ninth District.

of 1861, and as such signed the ordinance of secession. In the outset he was for the preservation of the Union, but finally, after reaching the conclusion that secession could not be prevented, he cast his vote for it, and was afterwards an ardent Confederate, and it is claimed for him that he drew the ordinance of secession from the pocket of his Federal uniform. In May, 1861, he was killed by the Federal troops at his home at Newburn, Pulaski county, Va. He was then fifty-two years of age. He was shot through the shoulder and through the mouth and in the neck. These wounds he survived only two weeks, and his death resulted from bleeding due to a broken artery in his neck. Mr. Wysox was survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter. The present Democratic nominee for Congress is the youngest of the surviving sons, he being one of twin brothers. Mr. Wysox's twin brother died prior to the death of their father. The Democratic nominee was born September 17, 1855, and is therefore in his forty-ninth year. Mr. Wysox was graduated from Emory and Henry College, the well-known Methodist school for males, in Washington county. It was in that institution, and as a member of the Hermes Literary Society, that he had his first training in the art of debating. Following his graduation from Emory and Henry College, where he manifested an absorbing interest as a profound student, sometimes being so deeply absorbed in thought as to go to the class room with his shoes untied, he took up the study of law, and had in due time absorbed all the essential principles necessary to an efficient practitioner. He was admitted to the bar on the 7th day of November, 1878. In May, 1879, he

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was elected Commonwealth's attorney of Pulaski county, and was re-elected in May, 1883.

In 1891 Mr. Wysox was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1891-2. In this distinguished body he was honored by being made a member of the Committee on Elective Franchise, a member of the Committee on Corporations, and a member of the Committee on Final Revision. In this great convention Mr. Wysox conducted himself in a way to win the admiration of his associates, and the power of argument and the eloquence with which he expressed himself on great questions that came before that convention won for him an enviable reputation. His frequent debates on the floor of the convention—among them the joint debate between himself and ex-Governor William E. Cameron on the question of taking the oath and submitting the Constitution—were among the notable features of the convention. His debate with ex-Governor Cameron was perhaps the most noted feature of the convention, from the standpoint of oratory and argument. That Mr. Wysox departed himself nobly on this occasion, winning laurels that can never fade, is well remembered by the delegates and spectators who were present during the debate. Mr. Wysox was schooled for just such a distinguished effort as he then made, by reason of his familiarity with constitutional law and by reason of his special forensic ability, which had previously been repeatedly demonstrated in noted criminal cases in Southwest Virginia. His prosecution of the late Dr. J. A. P. Baker, who was on trial at Abingdon in the summer of 1891, on the charge of having murdered his wife, was perhaps the most noted and dramatic effort at oratory and argument that was ever heard in a court in Southwest Virginia. Mr. Wysox's speech alone would have been sufficient to secure the conviction of the defendant. After that great effort of Mr. Wysox, the jury, which was composed of old friends and neighbors of the defendant, entered the court room in tears to announce that they were compelled to find the defendant guilty. Thus was secured a conviction which was afterwards reversed, upon a second trial being granted by the Circuit Court.

Since his nomination for Congress Mr. Wysox has made speeches at the following places: Abingdon, Pocahontas, Pulaski, Bland Courthouse, Coeburn, Clintwood, Wise, Wytheville, Marion and Tazewell. At every one of these places he spoke to a large audience, and the enthusiasm of a character to inspire the Democrats with hope of a signal victory.

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their warmth of feeling for his success when they contemplate that the President has put himself in the attitude of spoiling the negroes of the South by inspiring a feeling among them that they should have equal rights and privileges with the whites in holding office, from the office of President down to that of a fourth-class postmaster.

The circumstances preclude our saying positively that Mr. Wysox will be elected, but it would seem at this time that the political winds certainly favor the eloquent Pulaskian.

**AN ENTIRE FAMILY WITH TYPHOID FEVER**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, VA., August 22.—The whole family of Mr. C. R. Moore, living about a mile and a half from the city, is down with the typhoid fever. Mr. Moore and his wife and five children have had the fever, and yesterday the baby developed typhoid, making eight members all afflicted with the disease. No such distressful state of affairs has prevailed in a family in this section for many years.

**LUTHERAN SYNOD IN ANNUAL SESSION**  
Celebrates the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Its Existence.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WOODSTOCK, VA., August 22.—The seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in connection with the meeting of the Synod, was opened in the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Woodstock to-night at 8 o'clock. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Miller, D. D., of Summit, N. J., before a large congregation. The Synod will continue its session until Thursday evening, and a large portion of the ministers and delegates will remain until Sunday, August 28th, to be present at the dedicatory service of the new Sunday school annex, which has just been completed. This service will be in charge of the president of the Synod, Rev. Peter Miller, of Rio, Va., and the dedicatory address will be delivered by Rev. D. M. Gilbert, of Harrisburg, Pa.

The Synod will open on Wednesday morning with the anniversary sermon for the communion by Rev. J. A. Morehead, D. D., president of Roanoke College, Salem, Va.

This Synod embraces all the English Lutheran churches north of the James River to the Potomac, in Virginia, and Jefferson county, Va.; also the English churches of Richmond, Norfolk and Newport News, in which there are located thirty-four churches, employing thirty-three pastors regularly, and has a membership at last report of 6,996, who raised nearly \$25,000 during the last year for church purposes.

## DEMOCRATS RE-ORGANIZE

Parker and Davis Flag Raising and Grand Rally in Prince William County.

**DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION**  
Man Dreams He Is After Robbers and Walks Out of Second Story Window.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 22.—The Democrats of this city will hold a mass meeting at the courthouse here on the night of September 24, to reorganize the party. Mr. H. H. Wallace, the present chairman, has announced publicly that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

There will be a Parker and Davis flag-raising and a grand rally of the Democrats at Gaineville, Prince William county, on Saturday, September 3d. A programme of public speaking, etc., is being arranged.

The State conference of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution will be held in this city on October 18th and 19th. The conference will be entertained by Betty Washington Lewis Chapter, D. A. R., of this city.

Mr. Thomas B. Gayle, of Spotsylvania county, lost his barn this week by fire of unknown origin. The contents of the barn, consisting of feed, hay, farming implements, etc., were also burned. The building was partially insured.

Mr. William Shnellings, of this city, dreamed that a robber was in his house, and in his sleep got up and walked out of the second story window. He sustained severe injuries, his head being cut and his body bruised generally.

Mr. John B. Jones, of this city, has moved to Morrisville, Fauquier county, where he will open a large store. Sheriff J. P. Turnley and Dr. W. A. Harris, of Spotsylvania county, who went to Laurel, Md., to see if the negro under arrest there was the John Lewis wanted here for the murder of a colored girl, have returned. The man was not John Lewis.

the women and girls being badly frightened.

**Henderson—Henry.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MILLWOOD, CLARKE CO., VA., August 22.—Christ Church, Millwood, was the scene of a very quiet and pretty wedding last evening, when Miss Dorothy Willing, daughter of Mrs. Archie Randolph of Millwood, Va., became the bride of Mr. Jack Henderson, of Kentucky. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. Edward H. Ingie.

The bride, a handsome blonde, looked lovely. She is one of the most noted and successful lady riders in Virginia. The happy couple left on the 8:15 P. M. train for their future home in Kentucky.

**McCrack—Wallace.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STAUNTON, VA., August 22.—Miss Janet Wallace, daughter of Mr. E. E. Wallace, of the county, and John H. McCrack, of Waynesboro, came here yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Vaughan, of Richmond, and Mr. Harry Hopton, of Waynesboro, and were united in marriage by Rev. J. N. Van Deyver. They will make their home in Waynesboro.

**McDevitt—McDonald.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, VA., August 22.—Mr. James McDevitt, a son of Mr. R. L. McDonald, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McDonald, were married this morning at St. Andrew's church, Rev. Father Lynch officiating. Miss Mary E. Nee, of Cumberland, Md., was maid of honor, and Mr. Joseph G. McDevitt, of the county, was best man. The couple left on an Eastern and Northern tour.

**GIRL DROWNED IN A BATH TUB**  
Floating Face Upwards, With Her Hands Crossed Upon Her Breast.  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., Aug. 22.—Irene, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. R. L. Pierce, of the Southern Railway, was drowned in a tub while taking a bath at her home here this morning. The discovery was made by Miss Lula Allen, a serving girl, who was searching at the time for the missing child. The girl was floating face upwards on the surface of the water, her hands crossed upon her breast. There were no signs of a struggle. Physicians who viewed the remains say that the sudden contact with the cold water produced an epileptic fit and that the child died while unconscious. The body was slightly purple when discovered. The child's clothing was lying where she had thrown them beside the tub.

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## MR. DUNLOP'S YACHT BURNS

The Ventura Destroyed in the Harbor at Newport.

**TO PAY WAREHOUSE TAX**  
British-American Tobacco Company Settles a Troublesome Controversy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 22.—It is stated here that Mr. David Dunlop's yacht Ventura, which has been cruising in northern waters for several weeks, was burned in Newport harbor last Saturday night. The details of the accident have not been learned but it is understood that there was no insurance on the yacht and it will prove almost a total loss.

It is reported here that the British-American Tobacco Company, which operates the large Dunlop factory in this place, and which some months ago notified the local warehouse men that they would no longer pay the warehouse tax on tobacco of eight cents per one hundred pounds, has agreed to pay this tax for the coming tobacco season. This ends the controversy between the tobacco buyers and warehouse men on the subject, and Dr. Motte arrived today from Washington to try and arrange for holding the annual field day and banquet of the company.

**ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY HEADED THIS WAY**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., August 22.—A committee from the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of Boston, consisting of Captain Usher, Captain Bolton, Lieutenant Innes, Lieutenant Darnell, Second Lieutenant Newcomb, Sergeant Wall, and Dr. Motte arrived today from Washington to try and arrange for holding the annual field day and banquet of the company.

Two hundred members of the famous organization will come to Norfolk to arrange for the field day. The committee is to operate the organization from Norfolk. The artillery are expected to go to Richmond.